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BEGIN TEXT: THIS WEEK AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO MAURITANIA RICHARD MURPHY INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITANIA OF THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE DOLLARS 300,000 ( CFA 383,500,000) TO AID MAURITANIAN EFFORTS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO ITS POPULATION SUFFERING THROUGH WEST AFRICA' S WORST DROUGHT IN DECADES. DR. ABDALLAHI OULD BAH, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND OVERALL DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENTS EFFORTS TO AID VICTIMS OF THE DROUGHT, EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT' S APPRECIATION TO THE AMBASSADOR AND CONFIRMED THAT THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO DEFRAID SOME OF THE HEAVY TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES WITHIN MAURITANIA' S VAST TERRITORY. AMBASSADOR MURPHY PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS PERIOD OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY. HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM TRAVELING IN THE INTERIOR OF MAURITANIA THE AMBASSADOR TOLD THE MINISTER THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY WITNESSED THE EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION OF THE EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION BY LOCAL OFFICIALS. THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED THE MINISTER OF THE CONTINUED CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE DROUGHT AND ITS DESIRE TO WORK WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL DONORS TO ALLEVIATE THE EFFECTS OF THIS DISASTER IN MAURITANIA AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SAHELIAN ZONE. THIS CASH GIFT IS IN ADDITION TO THE 15,000 TONS OF SORGUM AND CORN ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITANIA AT THE COST OF OVER 330 MILLION CFA ( DOLS 1.5 MILLION) THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. END TEXT. MURPHY

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